

Happy Birthday

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<i>Bob Reister</i>	<i>10/3</i>	<i>Glenn Schechert</i>	<i>10/24</i>
<i>Spencer Gillespie</i>	<i>10/4</i>	<i>Elizabeth Slocum</i>	<i>10/25</i>
<i>Don Danielson</i>	<i>10/10</i>	<i>Marissa Wendt</i>	<i>10/25</i>
<i>Thelma Etchells</i>	<i>10/10</i>	<i>Matt Clucas</i>	<i>10/27</i>
<i>Lyndsey Bailey</i>	<i>10/13</i>	<i>Linda Carlson</i>	<i>10/28</i>
<i>Lisa Journey</i>	<i>10/13</i>	<i>Don Moriarty</i>	<i>10/28</i>
<i>Erika Bratlien</i>	<i>10/14</i>	<i>Karly Crawford</i>	<i>10/29</i>
<i>Bev Puhn</i>	<i>10/14</i>	<i>Geoff Wendt</i>	<i>10/30</i>
<i>Shawna Williams</i>	<i>10/15</i>		
<i>Elsie Booth</i>	<i>10/16</i>		
<i>Chuck Rabura</i>	<i>10/18</i>		
<i>Fiona Gillespie</i>	<i>10/19</i>		
<i>Marilee Mills</i>	<i>10/22</i>		
<i>John Banzer</i>	<i>10/22</i>		



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Ray & Vicki Kobeski 10/19
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Tim & Amy Munns 10/23
Todd & Deanna Bailey 10/28
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 Our Web Site?



PRAYER TOUR - SAT, OCT. 26 AT 1PM
PUMPKIN FESTIVAL - SUNDAY OCT. 27 AT 3:30PM



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Monthly Newsletter of Vinland Lutheran Church

October 2013

*Unless the Lord builds the house, builders build in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city; watchman stands guard
in vain. In vain, you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food
to eat- and he grants sleep to those he loves.”* Psalm 127:1-2

What does God want from his church and his people? Does Jesus Christ prefer sheer activity or pure passivity? Are we to be more like Martha (in the kitchen) or Mary (in the sanctuary)? Does the life of faith mean build a Tower of Babel or be like “the lilies of the field that neither toil nor spin”? The correct answer is yes, of course. God doesn’t call us to choose between labor and rest, effort and faith, today and tomorrow. Psalm 127 posts a warning about work, “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders build in vain” later the psalmist names this promise of grace, “the Lord grants sleep to his beloved”. These two godly signs give us boundaries.

These are signs we should heed at this point in our building project. Dedication Sunday was a remarkable day; worship extravaganza with brass and bishop, full house with old friends and new faces, Father Tim’s robust blessing in the rain, and a tasty lunch around new tables and chairs. We have much to celebrate, so many people to thank, and more possibilities for ministry than we can yet imagine. God has blessed us richly with resources, leadership, and a ground-swell of support for this daunting project.

Vinland is by nature heavy on the Marthas and light on the Marys. We are more at home in the kitchen than the sanctuary. This is who we are. This has served us well, helped us to serve; from landscaping to painting, sending cards to serving meals, fund-raising to raising the roof. Is it time to pause to pray?

That is a crucial element in our upcoming enrichment gatherings. As an integral part of our building fund campaign, we are inviting every member of Vinland to come together to listen to each other, look at possibilities, and yes, yes, follow the financials. Being the bunch of doers, we will want to get right to business + bottom lines. As pastor, this is a time we hear the warning, “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders (Vinland) build in vain”. Surely, God has given us much and guided on the way. But, what is the Lord calling us to next? Let’s listen together.

Enrichment Gatherings (come to one)

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 10 AM

Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 PM

Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 AM

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 5:30 PM

Sunday, Oct. 20, 9:40 AM (between services)

pastor chuck's FAITHbook

Here's what's
happening!

THANKS to Vinland congregation for coming out for our big building coming out party. Wow! What a community effort.

THANKS to Tina Bigelow- for organizing our confirmation service project at the Nicodemus home- we worked on the yard and window-washing.

WE NEED YOU! Our council is recruiting and organizing for our evangelism & personnel teams. Your gift? Talk to Pastor Chuck!



LUNCH BUNCH @ The Axe Handle: Mon., Oct. 7, 11:30 AM
To Kingston for lunch at a new place. Sign up!

CONFIRMATION DAY RETREAT Saturday, Oct. 19th, 9 AM - 6 PM Meet at Vinland and travel to Pacific Lutheran for campus tour, lunch, football game, & then on to service project. Parents needed!

NEXT CLASS Saturday, Nov. 2, 10:00 AM

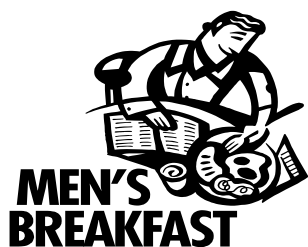


LECTIONARY LUNCH Thursdays, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM This is a lively Thursday study to prepare you for the coming Sunday's Scripture over lunch. Bring a lunch, a bible and be ready to study.

Oct. 3	TIME	Oct. 17	SCRIPTURE
Oct. 10	GRATITUDE	Oct. 24	FOUNDATION

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, Oct. 5, 8:00 AM This is the place for boyish breakfast and conversation with wise men who share a special fellowship. You will leave inspired and full.

DIALOGUE ON DRAFT Hare & Hounds Pub, Mon. Oct. 28th, 5 PM Topic To be Announced. Look for sign-up sheet.



MEXICO MISSION 2014 March 27-April 4 There is still time to come join this mission team as we look to build houses in Tijuana next spring break. This service project is for students and adults. Talk to Pastor Chuck. Go to Amor.org for info.

PASTOR CHUCK AWAY Nov. 3-9 for continuing education.

women's news



Women of Vinland Third Wednesday

Women of Vinland will be meeting on Wed. October 16 at 10am. Open to all women and their friends. Come for laughter, lunch, Bible Study and more!

Women of Grace Mondays, Oct. 7 and 21

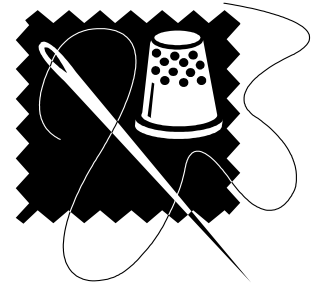
This is a lively bunch of women - some still working, some retired, some semi-retired, some just plain tired - who gather to draw upon each other's EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH and HOPE. All women, all ages, whether you attend Vinland or not...

YOU ARE WELCOME in this group.

October Discussion: "Help, Thanks, Wow" by Anne Lamott

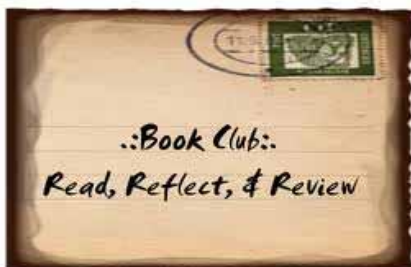
QUILTERS 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9am

A committed group gathers on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at church to put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No experience necessary...*just come!*



Women's Breakfast

On the second Saturday of each month women of all ages meet at Envy Grill at the Poulsbo Junction at 8:30am.



Last Tuesday Women's Book Group

October 29 at 7pm
Stay tuned for the October book title!



Busy Moms

This is a group of moms who take time out of busy schedules to meet for lively conversation, sharing of day to day life, a good dose of laughter, prayer time and discussion of assorted books and articles.

BUSY MOMS MEET AT 10:00 on THURSDAYS at the church.

October

PINOCHLE! Friday, Oct. 18

Potluck @ 5:30; Cards dealt at 6:00

Gather with friends for a potluck and a friendly game of cards. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We would love to have you play, but need to have a head-count before the game!

Parent's Night Out Sat, Oct 19th from 5-9pm.

Tim and Amy Munns are "parents in charge." Please sign up. Remember this is a co-op, so be thinking of a month when you can host. Bring \$2 per child for dinner; kids must be potty trained.

Pumpkin Festival is Coming!

Sunday, Oct. 27

begins at 3:30pm

Dinner at around 5pm



LOTS OF FUN THIS YEAR!

Chili Dog Dinner!

Decorated Trunks!

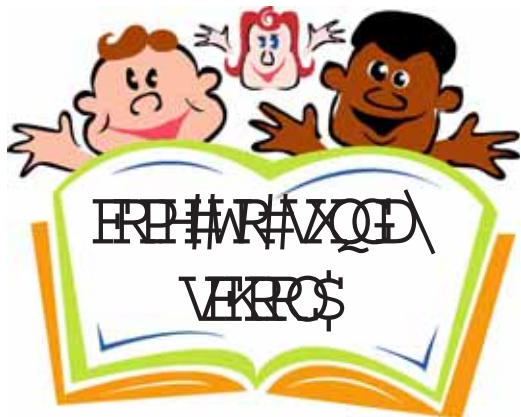
Hayrides! Treats! Costumes!

Indoor Games! Cupcake Walk!

Keep an eye on the bulletin board for details.



children and youth



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Oct. 6, 13 and 20th at 9:40am.

OCTOBER OUTREACH FOCUS IS "Kitsap Humane Society"

Once a month we learn about a local organization that uses many volunteers. The kids sign a thank you letter that is attached to a small

bucket of chocolates. The "appreciation gift" is then delivered to the organization. **AN IMPORTANT PART** of our Sunday School program is to instill a spirit of compassionate into the hearts and lives of our children.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM! We are beginning early this year. Meet Oct. 13 at 3pm to sign up and sing. Meet Oct. 20 at 3pm to get parts and measure for costumes.

KID'S CHURCH UPDATE: Beginning October 6, all kids 4 years to pre-confirmation (5th or 6th grade) are invited to Kid's Church. There will be two classes. Marsha Wright and Sherry Gutierrez are teaching.

LOFT FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH-SCHOOLERS

LOFT is the name of our youth program.

It stands for LivingOurFaithTogether!

SUNDAY SCHOOL happens in THE LOFT at 9:40am every Sunday. This is a combined class of middle and high-school youth.

LOFT Wednesday Nights from 6pm-7:30. This is for ALL middle/high school youth and their friends. Come and hang out with great people! Fun is guaranteed.

FIRST WEDNESDAY TEEN POTLUCK. Every first Wednesday of the month LOFT kids will bring a potluck item to share. Should be interesting.....

SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY happens every Sunday night from 6:30-8pm in THE LOFT. ***This is only for high school students.*** Come at 6:30 to hang out and begin the high-energy study/discussion at 7pm.

LOCK-IN for youth on October 24-25...8pm-8am. Nothing but fun!

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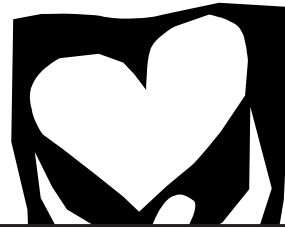
“Sundays at Two” Concert October 6

Spend a delightful afternoon at church, enjoying some beautiful music. Invite a friend or two!



A memorial service for Alvin Grondal will be held October 1 at 1pm at Kosec Funeral Home in Port Townsend. His roots go back to the founding of Vinland.

We remember the family of Lisa Journey, whose father recently died.



PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

Lord,

There are days when we are less than our usual selves, on the wrong side of figuring things out, despondent, lifeless, unkind.

Yet, you choose us.

We are altogether precious in your sight.

Thank you for trusting us with your loving goodness.

Amen

contributed by Sharon Schmid



How are we doing on the Kitchen Fund???

\$11,630 has been received as of 8/22. \$1,200 was used to purchase the amazing refrigerator!

barb's backyard

-Barbara Erickson



Peering out, I see a vast landscape below - wrinkled, ruffled, and worn - spreading out in all directions as far as I can see. Appearing as a patchwork quilt, some of it has been cultivated; circles, squares, and rectangles clearly indicate patterns of tilling, planting, and irrigating.

Some of it is wild and untouched - or nearly so - hills and mountains with rugged edges descending into steep canyons or wide valleys. Throughout the cultivated land, and less so through the wild, run narrow, winding roads, appearing much like pencil lines drawn at random. We know that they really are not random, but only appear that way from the air. They each serve a function - most of them, at least - to lead you and me and others from here to there. As I study these myriad, meandering pathways, the thought occurs to me that we really often have no idea where we're going.

We usually know where we begin our journey and where we want it to end, but no way can we see the entire route. From my vantage point high above, I can easily see the long-range route of each path - the straight, level sections, rolling hilly parts, steep winding curves, and sometimes the dead ends. All of this may be apparent to those who travel those ways frequently, but for others the finding is in the traveling. And even if someone were to view their chosen route from high above, carefully plotting their course, the reality of traveling there might be entirely different. For there are always the unknowns - detours, alternate routes, unforeseen obstacles, unplanned changes, sudden disruptions, and other things we never imagine. And so it is not always a simple matter to get from here to there.

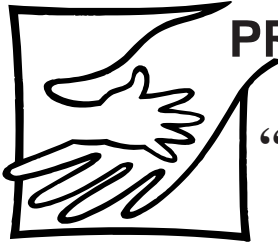
Is this not much the way our lives are - simply trying to get from here and now to there and then? We all know it is never that easy, for our chosen paths are not always straight, smooth, and even. Some of us know exactly where we want to go, carefully choosing a direct route that should get us there with a minimum of time and trouble. Others of us have no idea where we want to go, daily muddling through and taking whichever turn in the road looks like it might lead somewhere, anywhere at all. Those who plan carefully may be in for surprise route-changes on the way. Those who wander may stumble onto a route that takes them to a place they never thought they'd be. Most of us probably think it's better to plan ahead, but there really are no guarantees. Much of our road in life is simply unknown.

So what are we to do? There is an African Proverb that says "*If you don't know where you're coming from, you don't know where you're going.*" It is best to figure out where we are now before plotting a course for the future. Weighing our options is always a good idea, as is getting some advice from others who might have taken the same route. It can be a lonely journey, so we mustn't forget to ask for directions and help when we need it. Together, we can step boldly forward in faith, but we must have some idea of where we want to go. For, as Lewis Carroll wrote: "*If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there.*"

This is what the LORD says:

***Stand at the crossroads and look, ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in it and you will find rest for your souls Jeremiah 6:16***

***Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you,
saying, "This is the way, walk in it" Isaiah 30:21***



PRESCHOOL NEWS... -Sherry Gutierrez, director

Our Vision

“Honoring God by Nurturing Children’s Relationships”

*“Let them praise the LORD for his great love
and for all his wonderful deeds to them.” (Psalm 107:8,15,21,31)*

God is truly amazing! We are blessed with the presence of 29 children and their families at our preschool; four of the families are members of our church and the rest are from the community. The children’s voices fill the air and their activity brings them together in cooperation and conflict. The teachers are present with the children providing guidance and love as the children grow in their humanness and kindness. The children will be learning many things this year—more than we can even imagine. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Soon, I will be seeking out congregational “Prayer Buddies” for each child. If you decide to be a prayer buddy, we ask that you pray for the child and his or her family during the school year; we will also ask for a donation of \$10-30 to offset the costs of our prayer buddy luncheon and the purchase of a child’s Bible (which the prayer buddy presents to the child in May). Several people have already let me know they want a prayer buddy from the preschool. This ministry of prayer expresses God’s love in quiet, yet powerful ways. I hope you can participate!

Out Back in the Garden

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and **take care of it.** Genesis 1:15*

As seasonal rains return, one can almost hear grasses, shrubs, and trees heaving a giant sigh of relief. It’s been a long, warm, and dry summer, but our native vegetation is well-equipped to survive these dry spells. The new landscaping around the church will need to be regularly watered until well-established, but the trees and shrubs planted out back in the Discovery Garden several years ago are nearly ready to go it on their own. Summer watering gave them a lift, as well as helping the raised beds produce some peas and potatoes. The sandbox and play structure are once again busy each day as preschool children enjoy this outdoor area. The sounds of singing birds and playing children are among the happiest sounds I know.



If you are new to Vinland, please note that the Discovery Garden is intended for ALL members of the congregation. Anyone, children and adults, is welcome to enjoy this wonderful area on Sunday or during the week. It is an unsupervised area and children under five years need to be accompanied by an adult. Garden rules are posted on the large play structure near the entrance gate. Rain or shine, why not take a walk out back and enjoy the Garden? For children who were at Family Camp this year, there are lots of marching ants to observe!

moving forward



GATHERINGS

- Oct. 1 (Tues.) - 10 am
- Oct. 5 (Sat.) - 10 am
- Oct. 10 (Thur.) - 7 pm
- Oct. 16 (Wed.) - 5:30 pm
- Oct. 20 (Sun.) - 9:40 am

Enrichment Gatherings Offer Fellowship and Information

During our new building fund campaign, *Moving Forward with our Ministry and Mission*, we will again be having a series of Enrichment Gatherings. These will be small-group meetings designed to share up-to-date information on funding our new building and answer questions, as well as to share a time of fellowship. In October, five of these gatherings will be offered; **your attendance at one is important**, as the future of Vinland concerns everyone in the congregation.

No financial commitments will be asked for or received at these meetings, as they are for the sharing of information only. We will be asking everyone to make a reservation for these meetings through sign-ups offered on Sunday morning or as you are contacted by phone. Plan NOW to join us for coffee, refreshments, and good conversation at one of these Enrichment Gatherings.



“Prayer Tour” Oct. 26, 1pm

A unique way to center our prayers on our church facility, grounds and our surrounding community.

After a prayer walk through the new building, you can board a van for a “tour” around the community. Your van will drive by schools, community centers, centers, government offices, churches, housing developments, etc. This has proven to be a very meaningful way to carry our prayers both “inside the walls” and “outside the walls” of Vinland. You can come for just the church prayer walk.

Sign-up sheets and information will be on the bulletin board.

“Commitment Sunday” Oct. 27

On Reformation Sunday, you will be able to bring a “commitment pledge card” to church. This will be a three-year pledge for the years 2014-2016. This second “Pledge Drive” was discussed during our first Building Campaign. You will hear all about this at the Enrichment Gatherings.

Celebration Dinner & Kid’s Party”

Saturday, Nov. 2

Let’s all get together and celebrate in our beautiful Social Hall! Callie Gillespie and crew are planning a special night for young and old.



good things

Kitsap/Olympic Annual Fundraising Brunch for Lutheran Community Services NW

“New Horizons”

Sunday, November 10

Kitsap Conference Center in Bremerton

Social Hour at 12:30pm.

Buffet and Program at 1:30pm



Although there is no ticket or upfront cost to attend this event, there will be an opportunity to make a gift or pledge to support neighbors through the services of LCSNW

Home Care Program Senior Companions

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Bill Brueggemann will host a table (for the last year).

There is more information on the bulletin board at church.

WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE?

October Outreach Focus  Coffee Oasis



Coffee Oasis is a faith-based, non-profit organization that consists of two things: coffee shop businesses, and programs for homeless, street-oriented youth. Consider contributing some of the following:

Emergency hygiene packs:

To create an emergency pack, place one of each of the following items in a ziploc bag:

Toothbrush - Travel size, Toothpaste - Travel size, Deodorant - Travel size, Razor - Travel size, Soap - Travel size, Shampoo - Travel size

Hygiene Items for Coffee Oasis Centers:

Hand Sanitizer - Pump bottles or dispensers

Saline Solution/Eye Drops - 160z bottles, contact fluid

Laundry Detergent - Large liquid detergent bottles only

Towels - Gently used/new. Used for showers

Feminine Hygiene Products - Box of tampons, box of feminine pads

Extreme Weather Gear

Backpacks (like Jansport); AA flashlights and batteries; 2-3man tents; Compact sleeping bags

Rain Gear - Unisex rain jackets/ponchos. Medium, large, & x-large sizes

Gloves - Nylon only; ski gloves. Small, medium, & large sizes

Warm Hats - Beanie; fleece, wool. One size fits all

Socks - Tube socks only; wool is preferred. Men's & women's sizes

Undergarments for Men - NEW only; includes boxers & undershirts. Small, medium, large, & x-large sizes

Undergarments for Women - NEW only; includes underwear and sports bra. Small, medium, large, & x-large

Sweat pants - Unisex, drawstring, new or slightly used

Sweatshirts - Unisex, crew neck or hoodie. Pullover, no zippers. Small, medium, large, x-large, & 2x-large sizes